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SUBJECT: POST-CSCE DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE BY SOVIETS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT JULY 17, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN EUROPE OMNES SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEGUN FOR AGENDA COVERING PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S VISIT TO MOSCOW NEXT OCTOBER. HE SAID TOP OF SOVIET PRIORITY LIST FOR AGENDA IS SUBJECT OF "DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE." OMNES SAID RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING INDICATING SYMPATHY FOR SOVIET CONCERNS IN THIS AREA PROBABLY HAVE GIVEN

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MOSCOW THE WRONG IMPRESSION. OMNES SAID THAT AS OF NOW,

FRENCH PLAN TO CONTINUE TAKING HARD LINE IN OPPOSITION TO MBFR AS WELL AS TO AN EXPECTED SOVIET PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF FORCE REDUCTION DISCUSSIONS FROM CENTRAL TO NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE.

2. ASKED ABOUT STATEMENT IN JOINT FRENCH-POLISH CHARTER ON COOPERATION CALLING FOR A WORLDWIDE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, OMNES SAID IT WAS STANDARD BOILER PLATE AND MUCH LESS THAN POLES HAD REQUESTED. OMNES SAID STATEMENT SIGNED IN WARSAW BY BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN, BY CONTRAST, WAS A COMPLETE SELLOUT TO SOVIET DESIRES.

3. OMNES CONCLUDED THAT ALL SIGNS COMING OUT OF EASTERN EUROPE INDICATE A MAJOR POST-CSCE DISARMAMENT OFFENSIVE TARGETED ON WESTERN EUROPEAN DEFENSE BUDGETS.

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